In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0007] as follows:

[0007]   It is noted that JOINS and UNIONS are but two examples of combinatorial statements. Another example of a combinatorial statement is the family of ~~ACCEPT~~ EXCEPT statements. Further, corresponding statements exist or may be yet be developed for query languages other than SQL (e.g., XQuery).

Please amend paragraph [0039] as follows:

[0039]   Embodiments of the invention provide for query building. In one embodiment, a user specifies a condition or conditions (e.g., as in a WHERE clause of an SQL query) as well as result criteria (e.g., as in a SELECT clause). Combinatorial statements relate the components of the result criteria according to the results sought. For example, combinatorial statements include JOIN, UNION, ~~ACCEPT~~ EXCEPT and their respective family members (e.g., INNER, OUTER, LEFT and RIGHT in the case of JOINs). For convenience and for purpose of illustration, JOINs and UNIONs will be emphasized. However, it is understood that the invention is not limited to particular types of combinatorial statements, nor is the invention related to a particular query language. Thus, references to SQL are merely for purposes of illustration and are not limiting of the invention, which is equally applicable to any query language, known or unknown.